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HAMATEUR CHATTER

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From the President's Desk

Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP

Dave DeFebo

A number of small items this month (as opposed to one long harangue). First off I wish to thank everyone who attended our special March meeting. There were 63 people in attendance. That is the largest turnout for any regular meeting (our auctions back in the late seventies and early eighties would draw big crowds). I am glad to have seen a number of visitors. Hopefully some of those people will decide to join the club. Visitors with an email address will be receiving some email from MRAC including a few upcoming meeting notices.

I want to especially thank BartJahnke W9JJ of ARRL for flying out to talk to the club. That is the first time since 1981 we have had someone from Newington at a club function. I want to thank ARRL for allowing Bart to come out and talk. ARRL did not pay for Bart's trip. MRAC paid travel expenses. Just another example of how the club uses its money. I was suprised Bart did not get more questions relating to testing. He is only one of 3 people who actually create the questions you see on amateur tests. He did mention that until the FCC comes out with final restructuring rules, there will be no updates to any question pools (Ad-

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Milwaukee Area Nets

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
Daily	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
Daily	6:30 PM	3.645	Wis. Slow Speed CW Traffic Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	9:00 AM	50.160	6 Mtr. 2nd shifter's Net
TUE	8:00 PM	144.250	Badger Contesters (SSB)
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	8:45 PM	28.490	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net (SSB)
FRI	9:15 PM	147.045	W9RH 2 mtr. net following the 10 mtr. net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun net
SUN	8:30 AM	3.985	QCWA (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8. The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho - KA9OFA at **344-4694** or call **797-MRAC.** Our old number doesn't work any more.

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vanced was due to be changed this year). Most of the arrangements of having Bart come out to a club meeting were set up by Ed Wille. Just another example of what Ed did for the club. I'm sure he was watching and smiling at the large turnout. Thanks Ed.

The MRAC VEC is back in operation. March 27 saw 19 people take exams and 1 renewal (yes, we can process renewals). As I write this Superfest has not yet happened, but that could see upwards of 40 people taking tests. Do you have an Extra class license? Would you like to help out as a volunteer examiner? Contact John Kraak KF9XL (thanks John).

Jim Tromblay has been selling of equipment from the estate of Fred Krause W9VLK. He had a number of pieces of test equipment at the March meeting.

In the big crowd, a couple of people may have neglected to pay for items they selected. If so, just contact Jim and square up. The money goes to Fred's son, not Jim, not the club. Demonstrate the integrity of hams, please come forward.

Continuing with our new practice of needling ARRL, letters have recently been sent to our director and vice - director inviting either or both to attend a future club meeting. No news yet. We'll keep you posted. Thanks to Tom Fuszard KF9PU for accepting the finger pointing to take Ed Wille's director spot until 2000. Tom is part of the new MRAC VEC administration also. Thanks again Tom.

The April meeting sees the dead line for submissions to the club logo contest. The owner of the selected design will receive 1 year of free MRAC membership as well as an ARRL coffee cup. The logo will be used on patches, tee shirts, letterheads, the Chatter, everywhere. We will make sure everyone knows who is responsible. Anyone interested in submitting a design contact Matt Planning or Al Drobac.

At the April meeting we wil take nominations from the floor for the 3 director spots up for election in May. Anyone who is a member and has a ham license is welcome to run for an office. All positions are for 2 year terms. This year 3 directors are elected. Next year, 3 other directors and all officers get elected.

I'll finish off this month with something to ponder. Last year was the first year in over 20 years that the number of licensed amateurs in the US dropped. If we are to continue as a hobby and justify the amount of frequency spectrum we are allocated we must grow in number and be active on the air besides (not just 2 meters or 20 meters, everywhere). The board has been discussing a few questions. Maybe you should too. Question 1, "What can we (MRAC) do to get people interested in amateur radio?" Question 2, "What can we do to get young people interested in amateur radio?" Question 3, "What can we do to get people who are already licensed active in amateur radio?" Finally, question 4, "How can we get people interested in and become members of MRAC?" Do you have any answers? I will be discussing ome sthoughts in the coming months. If you have any comments, forward them to any board member.

Don't forget Jim's program for April on video tape recorder history (from its beginnings as 1" reel to reel tape). We ran out of time for the raffle at March meeting, so those with tickets be sure to bring them to April meeting. See you at the meeting.

Dave

Silent Key

Sterman, Terry J. - W9DIA, Age 60, of Milwaukee, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999. He was born Dec. 24, 1938 in Manitowoc the son of Harris and Marie Minter Sterman. Terry graduated from Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. On April 1, 1976, he married Elin M. Hayworth.

He received his Amateur Radio Operator call letters at age eight. He attended "HAM" operator's conventions throughout the U. S.

He started a radio parts store in Fond du lac in the'50's and founded Amateur Electronic Supply, Inc. in 1962, operating successfully in many states. In business, he took pride in being known as King of the Trades, trading used radios and electronics for new.

He was a Life member of MRAC.

For Sale

John Fiscus - KB9OM has a KLM KT-34a tri-band (10, 15, & 20 meter) beam antenna for sale for $200.00. If interested contact him at (414) 670-0637.

MRAC Board Meeting 3/15/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 at Matt's QTH.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurer's report -- $1714.20 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD's.

The new VEC and MRAC phone number is 797-MRAC. (797-7622).

The April meeting will be at Mark's QTH, May at Jim's and June at Jerry's.

Both MCI and 466-HAMS will be canceled from Ed's QTH. John Kraak KF9XL has the equipment at his QTH now and will put the info on the tape and check the messages.

Ken Eggert will coordinate with Bart from the ARRL to be sure he gets to the meeting Thursday night.

Dave asked that several board members take pictures at the meeting.

Dave also asked if the board would like to see the catalogs from Ed Wille that have hats, shirts and pencils etc: so we can order prizes for next years Christmas party and other events. Everyone thought simple prizes would be better this year since the flowers cost us too much money at the last Christmas party.

The Board had a group discussion about the needs for a club table at Super Fest at AES and VE testing.

The club's logo contest we discussed. One additional month will be added to the contest so everyone has a chance to turn their work in. Dave will spell out more details about the contest at the meeting Thursday night.

Pancho was praised for the nice looking new Chatter format.

Brian is working on the final draft for the new roster and has several people on the roster that no longer pay dues. It was decided to stop sending the Chatter to these people. Rick would like to try an out reach program to reach kids at Milwaukee Public Schools to try and create an interest in Amateur Radio via video's about radio and have an ad for MRAC at the beginning of the tape. Dave felt that a more narrow approach to just science students or computer students would produce more favorable results. No decision was made to invest in this project at this time.

The Board also had quite a discussion about the complex functions on so many of the new radio's and equipment and the fact that most new-comers don't understand what these functions are for.

The election for new directors will be at the May meeting. Mark Bye and Pancho have indicated that they would like to run for another term. Rick says he will not seek re-election.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU

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HAMATEUR CHATTER

For Sale

Fred Krause Estate Equipment

I still have a few items that have not been sold!

Radio Shack VOM in the original box $10.00
Heathkit VC-3 voltage calibrator ..... $ 5.00
Knightkit Flyback transformer tester ..... $ 5.00
Heathkit Impedance bridge (mint) $20.00
Impedance Bridge is calibrated for resistance, capacitance, and inductance.

If interested, contact Jim Tromblay -WB9LNU at: 1 (414) 968-2724
Jim can bring the equipment to the club meeting.
By the way, if any of you have taken equipment which has not been paid for,
Please make proper payment.

Jim WB9LNU

MRAC Club Meeting 3/18/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- $1714.20 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD's.

Ken reports that 28 members still haven't paid their dues. These 28 members will no longer receive a Chatter.

Ken also mentioned that he has reservations for a motel room at Dayton for the Ham Fest. He will not be going this year and is offering his reservation to any club member who may want it.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave informed the members that 466-HAMS is now replaced by 797-MRAC. Also remember that SuperFest at AES is in April and we need volunteers to man the club table and for VE testing on Saturday between 9 and 12A.M. The club logo contest has been extended one month to give everyone interested more time.

Vern Teske W9RYA has made this years Christmas party reservations for 12/19/99. The possible menu will be Brosted Chicken, Pork, Beef or Ham. The Board has not decided what the cost for the dinner will be as of yet. So everyone knows, the dinner cost includes some of the other expenses such as prizes, music and special gifts. Tentative time schedule is drinks at 5 and dinner at 6P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Bart W9JJ for the ARRL. Bart is one of three people that create the question pool for all FCC amateur exams in the VE program. Bart was our first visitor in 18 years from the ARRL.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU

Jim - WB9LNU

Secretary

FRIDAY NIGHT NETS

We have two nets sponsored by our Club. They are a good place to get your feet wet if you are among the new hams and also a good way to learn the ropes as a net control.

Our SSB 10 meter net usually meets on 28.49 MHz at 8:45 pm. and our 2 meter net usually meets on our 147.045 + MHz repeater after the 10 meter net or at 9:15 pm.

We've had check ins on our 10 meter net from considerable distances.

Until his departure from our group, Ed Wille - W9PWG was our net control for most of our 10 and 2 meter nets. since then Jim Tromblay has taken care of most of the net controlling. We could use some new net controls. If you would be interested in controlling either or both of the nets be our guest.

We've had fewer people checking into our Friday night nets, lately and I'd like to think that it's only a temporary thing, so come on over to the Friday night nets and have a ball. If you have an idea for another net and would like to act as net control contact our president, Dave DeFebo WB9BWP or Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU. They'd be happy to fill you in on how to go about controlling the nets.

We'd be pleased as punch if you'd come over and join us on our nets.

Also our repeater is open to any who would like to use it. We are at 147.045 MHz with a + shift.

We are looking for another location for our repeater, so if you know of a good location, don't hesitate to let us know.

Items/Articles/Pictures for 'Chatter

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor no later than the first of the month of publication. If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition cannot be guaranteed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

HamateurChatter
Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA
1958 N. 38th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

History Buff by Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU

1963

Club President Travis Baird, W9VQD
1st. V.P. Royal Miller, W9CJO:
2nd. V.P. Carl Rohde, W9ROM
Sec. Bernard Moores, K9KLM9
Tres. Tony Kuntz, K9CJP6
Directors Arlan Bowen, W9QYW
John Czarnecki, K9PSUB
Charles Dawson Jr., W9CUW
Don Street, W9KJWA
Lowell Warshawsky, W9NGV
Robert Wilson, W9ZB
Chairman Russ Burss, W9RKP

The club meetings were held at MSOE. We had 191 members. The annual picnic was held at Kletch Park. The Board of Directors were treated to a steak dinner at Pappy's Restaurant in January compliments of Lowel Warshawsky, W9NGV.

A MRAC Bulletin Station was approved by the FCC. The FCC suggested however, that affiliation with the ARRL Official Bulletin Station be established. K9CJP, Tony Kuntz, will operate his station in this capacity on 3.970 Mc. @ 2200 GMT every Saturday.

MRAC had a Valentines Day Party-- 87 attended.

A Jack Doyle Testimonial Dinner was held in part, to help the ARRL raise money for their new headquarters building.

1973

President Jack McLeland, W9ATK
1st. V.P. Emmett Koeble, K9DD
2nd. V.P. Dave Knaus, WA9POV,
Sec. Walt Glish, W9YYW
Tres. Charles Dawson, W9CUW
Directors Chet Sakura, W9CTI/
Russ Burss, W9RKP
Dave DeFebo, WB9BWP
George Ruger, W9DVD
Ray Truemner, W9ITD.
Bill Witt, W9LUR

The club meetings were held at MSOE. Our auctioneer was Travis Baird, W9VQD. Our Chatter publisher was Chester Sakura, W9CTI. The club distributed name tags at the meetings (George Fields, W9WVL did the honors), just as we do today.

The QCWA used a portion of our Chatter for their news letter. The club was paid $20 to help cover their share of the cost of printing etc: Chester, W9CTI was also the secretary of the QCWA.

MRAC 12th Annual Dinner & Dance Party was attended by 130 people. 80 were our Hams and their wives. 50 were friends of the members.

The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters was created. Representatives from 9 states were in attendance. Bylaws were drafted and the election of officers was held. The groups Chairman was Jim Taylor, K9ZYS. John LeFeber, W9VAT was appointed chairman of the frequency coordinating committee.

1983

President Dave DeFebo, WB9BWP6
1st. V.P. John Lorbecki, KA9DNL
2nd. V.P. Vern Peterson, W9PGL
Sec. Ken Eggert, W9MOT
Tres. Pat Hoppe, KA9OIZ
Directors Walt Glish, W9YYW
Ted Stiller, WA9RDI
Gerry Melotik, KC9EVI
Fred Mikolajewski, WD9IYA (KC9WW)
Duane Mitchell , WD9HBZ
Chris Welton, WD9GZL
Chairman Reid Whipple, K9IWC
Business Manager Charles Kaetel

MRAC Swapsheet a new service for members in the Chatter. Each item is listed for 25 cents; amateur related items only. This was a good way to help pay the monthly postage of the Chatter; don't you think so?

On March 10th the members overwhelmingly concluded that they are opposed to the no-code experimenter class license (known today as no-code tech). A letter on behalf of all the club members was sent to the FCC; to voice our objection to the new license. It was believed at this time that a disproportionate number of operators would not have a bonified interest in the hobbies technical aspects and will just be glorified CB operators. Now that 15 years has gone by; do you think they were right?

Field Day was at the NIKE Missiles Site in Lannon. 3313 points were scored (about double what we did last year)!

The ARRL was trying to be the sole controllers of the new proposed volunteer examiners for the FCC. MRAC was trying to set us up as the Central Division VE's. However, the FCC decided in September not to use the ARRL as the sole administrator of amateur license testing and in March the FCC appointed the DeVry Amateur Radio Society as the first 9 area VEC. MRAC then became the local testers under the control of DeVry VEC. We conducted our first test session on Oct. 20th 1984 at Wauwatosa East H.S. The original license fee was $4.00.

Jim WB9LNU

Jim - WB9LNU

Fodder for 'Chatter by Tom Fuszard - KF9PU

Subject: Fodder for the 'chatter
Date: Sat, 3 Apr 1999 15:48:20 -0000
From: "Tom" <tfuszard@aero.net>
To: "Pancho" <pancho@thepark.net>

Pancho: I had hoped to have something useful for you by this time, but am not sure I do. I was able to conquer one-half of the beast (*FCC software for eletronically filing exam information with the FCC*), leaving a critical step—the transmission to the FCC—to Bart.

The MRAC is back in business as a VEC (Ø9). John Kraak - KF9XL, and his staff handled the applications and testing for 18 people on March 27. Not a bad turnout, considering that the club hadn't held an exam session since Jan. 31st. The total broke down as follows: nine passes (including an upgrade), seven fails, and two cases in which the person earned an element, but did not qualify for a license. We also processed one license renewal. For my part, I had an interesting, enlightening, somewhat frustrating time with the filing process. With no manual at hand and no Elmer looking over my shoulder, it became a perfect example of "on the job training." We hams are known for that, aren't we?

There are two parts to the filing process: data entry and transmission to the FCC. I inherited the data entry software that Ed was using. It turned out to be fairly easy to use, and does a nice job of preparing the files and data in the format that the FCC requires. It took awhile to figure out the program and its quirks (at least some of them!), but once mastered, it makes short work of the data entry process. The difficulties arose after I transmitted the files to the FCC. To make a really long story as short as possible (or perhaps to save for a later issue), I had to ask Bart Jahnke (ARRL) to forward the electronic files to the FCC. Bottom line: as of Friday, April 2nd, eight of the ten "upgrades" (a term the FCC applies to upgrades and new issuances) had been loaded into government's computer for processing. The remaining two required special handling. As I write this on April 3rd, I am in the process of resolving the remaining glitch in this system. I consider it a source of great pride that MRAC has maintained its status as a VEC. I will do what I can to ensure the club remains a member of this elite group

73,

Tom Fuszard - KF9PU

What is Field Day? by Pancho - KA9OFA

Basically, Field Day is a time in June (usually the last weekend) set aside for fun and also to check out our Emergency Preparedness.

The group will get together and set up at least one station (probably more like 3 stations) (on emergency power, preferably out in the boondocks somewhere) and at noon (E.S.T.) on Sat. they start operating and gathering as many points (contacts) as possible.

Points are given for contacts with extra points being given for solar power, packet station contacts, etc.

On Sun. at noon, the whole works comes to a halt and everything is taken down and Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU and whoever else he can round up get the fun of storing away all of our Club Field Day equipment and calculating the points that our Club has earned.

It's a lot of fun and you learn a lot about your Club, fellow Club members, operating a radio on VHF, HF and on various modes of communications (with which you may or may not be acquainted). You would even get a chance to see our famous ladder tower which is erected with a rotator and beam antenna on top.

Plans are shaping up for this year's ARRL Field Day. Jerry Melotik - KC9EV is chairman of the Field Day Committee. If any of you out there would like to be on the committee or just help out at the event it would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed to set up, operate our station(s), and tear down. We especially need operators for Saturday night. we also need people for the food committee. If interested, please, call Gerald Melotik - KC9EV (358-0107), Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP (529-5583), or (797-MRAC) (our Club phone no.). You need to be licensed to operate, but you don't need a General class license. If you have a license but no equipment to operate or would like to try out a new mode, here's your chance to get your feet wet. Get away from it all and have a fun weekend. Also here's an opportunity to set up a quasi-emergency radio station and to operate HF and VHF equipment from an authentic train depot, complete with a caboose. In the past we've had HF, VHF, CW, SSB, and packet equipment. If someone would like to set up a solar station, feel free to do so. There is plenty of equipment to use, as well as experienced people to help you along as you dive in. (Think of it as an adventure.)

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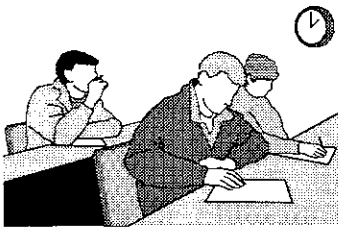
VE HAM RADIO EXAMS

VE HAM RADIO EXAMS You will not be permitted to take the exam without these items: 1) Your original license (if you have one) and one photocopy of it.
2) Any CSCE's you may have (and a photocopy of each). 3) Two forms of identification (examples: driver's license and social security card) 4) $6.45 (exam fee).



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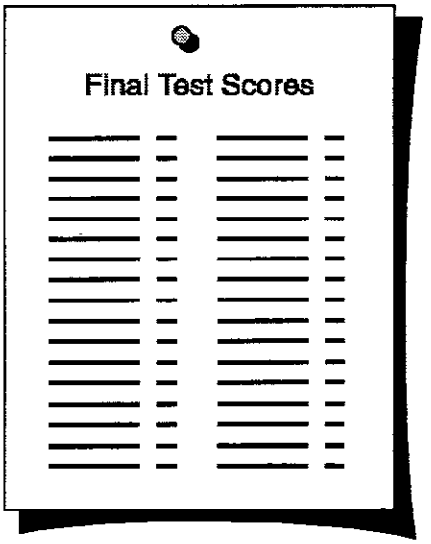
Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
P.O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, WI 53225

For more information about testing, call:
797-MRAC (new number)
(797-6722)

If you have questions about a new license or upgrade, you may call the FCC at: 1-888-225-5322.



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Meals will be provided. Sleeping accommodations are a bit rough (depot benches - not very comfortable), so please, bring whatever you might be comfortable in (blanket, sleeping bag, pillow, mosquito repellent). There is plenty of parking space, too.

This year's Field Day takes place on Sat. - June 26 through Sun. - June 27 (officially, 1:00 PM our time on Sat. through 1:00 PM our time on Sun). We will be starting to setup between 8:30 AM. The location (arranged for by Fred Linn - W9NZF) is at Pioneer Village 10 mi. north of Cedarburg on Hwy "I".

We'll have a map in upcoming issues of the 'Chatter.

Come for a couple of hours, over night, or for the whole time.

While you're out there, why not bring the family and visit the rest of Pioneer Village?

Pancho

Pancho - KA9OFA

VE Test Summary

The next 3 scheduled test dates are Sat. Apr. 24 at 9:30 at AES, Sat. May 29 at 9:30 at AES, and Sat. Sept. 25 at 9:30 at AES.

Members of the MRAC VE - Ø9 Team who helped at the March 27 exam at AES include:
Ken Caruso KS4NX
Bob Immekus W9CYI
Kate Kedney KA9MWT
John Kraak KF9XL
Jack Krause W9JK
Rich Mc New WB9PTC
Les Peterson W9YCV
Jerry Thompson WA9SFH
Jim Tromblay WB9LNU

On March 27, there were 18 candidates for examination with 9 upgrades or new licenses.

Here is a brief summary of the test session at AES on April 10 (Superfest).

Participating VE's included:
Barbara Brewer KB9TIV
Ken Caruso KS9NX
Pancho Doneis KA9OFA
Ken Eggert W9MOT
Bob Immekus W9CYI
John Kraak KF9XL
Jack Krause W9JK
Rich Mc NEW WB9PTC
John Merkl WB9PSE
Les Peterson W9YCV
Matt Planning KB9PRC
Bob Schroeder K9RW
Jim Tromblay WB9 LNU

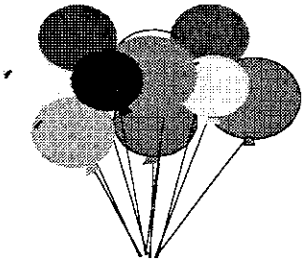
On April 10, there were 19 candidates for examination, and 11 were successful in achieving their initial license or in upgrading.

73,

John (KF9XL)

Our People

May Birthdays



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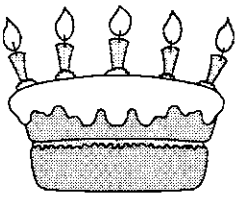
Delbert C. Clark	KA9ZMK	05/12
Allan R. Drobac	KB9NRS	05/08
Ken W. Eggert	W9MOT	05/26
Ron E. Hagen	KB9KYI	05/09
Patrick P. Malloy	W9ZO	05/12
Charles J. Merton	W9CHD	05/27
Norman Russell	KB9GQX	05/29
Richard F. Schoessow	WB9HSW	05/12
Hans Schroeder	AE9G	05/14

73 de KB9LCQ - Brian



¡¡ *Happy Birthday !!*

Credits

Thanks to our news contributors this month:
KB9BWP KB9LDX WB9LNU
KB9LCQ W9NZF

We also would like to thank Al Drobak, Alfred Huwald, and Myron Hendricks for taking care of the refreshments at our meetings.

Thanks to Rita Doneis, Armin Doneis,III, and Kristi Potochnik for their help in the proofreading dept.

Our thanks go to John Merkl and Barbara Brewer for making sure that the 'Chatter gets printed, stamped, and mailed.

Our Thanks to Matt Karshna for the new 'Chatter format.

Thank you very much!

Editor's Notes

Hi, again,

Be sure and go visit Orv Stewart - KA9ONO or at least give him a call occasionally. He's been moved to: Franciscan Woods at 19525 W. North Ave. in Brookfield - Room #110 phone #: 641-4223. If you call him make sure that you let the phone ring long. It's hard for him to hear the phone ring

We have another member who is on the sick list. Jerry Thompson - WA9SFH at the writing of this is in I.C.U. at St. Michaels Hospital. It seems that when Jerry arrived back from his visit in New Orleans he was admitted in the hospital for gall bladder surgery. Then he had problems with heart rhythm and pneumonia.

We have ARRL Field Day coming up on Sat. & Sun. - June 26 & 27th. Jerry Melotik - KC9EV has accepted the position of Chairman of the Field Day committee. We need more people on the committee and also to come out to the Field Day site (*Pioneer Village, north of Cedarburg*). Give Jerry a call.

We could use more people to help with the refreshments at the meetings. We could always use more people to help with VE exams. There is no end of the projects (large and small) to be done.

Our Friday night (10 and 2 meter) nets need participants.

Well, I guess that's about it for now. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73,

Pancho - KA9OFA

A activities (ham)

CLUB MEETINGS

Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club
Last Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m.
Redemption Lutheran Church
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Ozaukee Radio Club
Second Wed. of each month
7:30 p.m.
Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center
Grafton, WI

CLUB MEETINGS continued

Menomonee Falls Amateur Club
Last Wed of the month
Doors open @ 7:00 p.m. Mtg. @ 7:30 p.m.
Bank One Bldg.@
Pilgrim Rd. and Mequon Rd.
Germantown, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of (and almost under)
the Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 146.91 repeater).

South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club
First Wednesday of each month
Americian Legion Post 434
9327 S. Sheppard Ave.
Oak Creek, WI
Auction at March & October mtgs.

West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

HAM CLUB ACTIVITIES

CQ Third Tuesday
11:00 a.m.
Old Country Buffet
164th and Bluemound

Y'all come(!) to the
MRAC HAM BREAKFAST
every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at
Maxim's Restaurant
18025 W. Capitol Dr. (a bit west of Calhoun).
Prices are reasonable, the food good, and the company excellent.

First Friday Fish Fry
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma Ave. Call: Warren - K9IZV on the 146.91 - offset for reservations by noon on that FRI.

W9RH-10 & 2 METER NETs
W9RH Ten Meter Net 8:45 PM at 28.490 MHz. SSB Friday evenings at 9:15 2 meter FM repeater at 147.045 + offset. We'd like to meet you there.

E events (upcoming)

* - Indicates VE testing

MRAC Membership Meeting
Thu. - Apr. 29, 1999
Redemption Luth. Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Cedarburg SwapFest
Sat. - May 1, 1999
Circle B Recreation Center
Cedarburg, WI
T/I on 146.37/97 and 146.52 simp.

De Kalb HamFest
Sun. - May 2, 1999
Sandwich Fairgrounds
Sandwich, IL
T/I on 146.73 (-) rptr or 146.52 simp.

Lakeshore Hamfest
Sat. - May 8, 1999
Manitowoc County Expo
Manitowoc, WI

Dayton Hamvention '99
Fri.-Sun. - May 14, 15, & 16

MRAC Membership Meeting
Thu. - May. 27, 1999
Redemption Luth. Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

CWRA Swapfest
SwapFest & Auction *
June 6, 1999
University Center
Stevens Point, WI

Princeton HamFest &
Computer Show
SUN.- June 6,1999
Bureau Cty. Fairgrounds
Princeton, IL
T/I on 146.955 (-600) PL 103.5

6 Meter club 9of Chicago 42nd
Annual Hamfest
Sun. - Jun. 13, 1999
DuPage Cty Fairgrounds
Wheaton, IL
T/I on 146.52 simp or 146.37/97 (107.2)rptr.

Midland Amateur Radio Club
HamFest *
June 19, 1999
Midland Cty Fairgrounds
Midland MI

ARRL Field Day
Sat. & Sun. -
June 26th & 27th, 1999
Pioneer Village
Cedarburg, WI

S.M.A.R.C. SwapFest '99
Sat. - July 10, 1999
American Legion Post 434
Oak Creek, WI
T/I 146.52 simp.

MRAC

meeting

This Month's meeting:

Thu. - April 29, 1999

7:30 PM

Program:

Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU will talk about and demonstrate old video recorders.

Location:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
(Use the south entrance)
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please! Don't call the Church for information!!!

Board meeting: Mon. - April 26,1999

Next meeting;
May 27th, 1999

HamateurChatter Deadline is May 1, '99

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